

## STACEY IS NEW LAKESHORE SCHOOLS CHIEF!

Benton Harbor High School Principal Lionel J. Stacey will leave June 30 to become superintendent of the Lakeshore district.

Announcement was made this morning at a news conference with Benton Harbor and Lakeshore school officials.

Ben Nye, president of the Lakeshore board, said Stacey will get a two-year contract calling for a salary of \$21,000 for 1969-70. He received \$18,500 this year at Benton Harbor.

The Lakeshore board bought up the \$17,500 contract of Edward J. Stafinski last December and named assistant superintendent William Galbreath acting superintendent. Galbreath will return to assistant superintendent after Stacey takes over July 1.

Stacey will be Lakeshore's fifth superintendent in 10 years.

Stacey resigned as a state legislator and came to Benton Harbor in crisis last May when the high school was closed by a teachers' walkout which followed a student strike. He pulled

faculty and students together and the high school has operated with stability under his administration.

Dr. Mark E. Lewis, Benton Harbor superintendent, said search for a successor will start soon after a

### He'll Have To Buy Wig For Work

OWOSSO (AP) — A 17-year-old rock and roll bandsman was ordered to get his shoulder-length hair cut Monday as part of a two-year probation stemming from a marijuana conviction.

Kearney Fitzpatrick appeared upset by the condition but thanked Circuit Judge Michael Carland for placing him on probation and said he would make plans to buy a wig for use during band appearances.

In addition to the probation, the youngster was ordered to pay \$100 court costs.

discussion with faculty to discuss their role in recruiting.

**MIXED EMOTIONS**

Lewis said he views Stacey's departure with "mixed emotions. I am pleased to welcome him to the ranks of superintendents but sorry to lose a principal who has given Benton Harbor high school stability when it was so badly needed."

Lester Page, president of the Benton Harbor board of education, declared he regrets the loss of a "very outstanding principal" but recognizes the Lakeshore superintendency is a substantial professional advancement.

Stacey said he has had "great cooperation" in Benton Harbor and will leave with mixed emotions. "I am delighted to join a district like Lakeshore and meet the challenge of growing pains."

He noted there are always overtones in a big high school like Benton Harbor but said he believes students

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'HELLO AND GOODBYE': Lionel J. Stacey (center) is welcomed to the Lakeshore district as superintendent with a handshake from William Galbreath, acting superintendent. At right is Ben Nye, president of Lakeshore school board. Lester Page, (left), president of Benton Harbor board of education, and Dr. Mark

Lewis, superintendent, said they regretted that Stacey is leaving but wish him success in new position. He will stay on the job as Benton Harbor high school principal through June 30, then take over superintendency at Lakeshore. (Staff photo)

## BRIDGMAN A-PLANT GETS FINAL OK

### 'Pot' Puffers Hit Too Hard?

#### McClaran Urges Leniency For First-Timers

By RAY SMETANKA  
Staff Writer

Benton Harbor Police Chief William McClaran last night recommended that greater leniency be exercised in sentencing youths convicted of marijuana offenses.



DR. BYRON W. SHEFFER

### BH Jeweler, Optometrist Is Dead

Byron W. Sheffer, Sr., D.O., 73, 1120 Colfax avenue, Benton Harbor, well known optometrist and owner and general manager of Williams and Company Jewelers company, Benton Harbor, was dead on arrival at 11:35 p.m. Monday at Mercy hospital, after suffering an apparent heart attack at his home.

He was a member of the Benton Harbor housing commission for 19 years and a member of Mercy hospital board of directors, serving as secretary. At the time of his death he was secretary and treasurer of Williams and Co.

He was born July 19, 1895, in South Haven, the son of Woodman C. and Stella Sheffer. He had resided in this area his lifetime.

Dr. Sheffer had served in

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New Key Club. ICB Golden Key, 5% plus Mem. FDIC. Adv.

April 1 is dollar transplant time ICB Golden Key. Mem. FDIC Adv.



CPL. WILLIAM STOLLEY, JR.

### Dowagiac Marine Dies In Vietnam

DOWAGIAC—Lance Corporal William Richard Stolley, Jr., 20, of Dowagiac, died late last week from wounds he suffered when a helicopter he was boarding was hit by an enemy rocket-propelled grenade and exploded in Vietnam.

Cpl. Stolley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Richard Stolley, Sr., 612 Spruce street, were notified of his death on Saturday.

The Marine's death brings the number of servicemen killed in Vietnam to ten in Cass county and eight in Dowagiac.

His parents were notified of his death by Major David J. Kindt, USMC, of South Bend, Ind., who came to the Stolley home. The family also received a telegram from Marine Corps Commandant General Leonard Chapman, Jr., giving some of the details of their son's death.

The telegram said Cpl. Stolley sustained third degree burns to his entire body when the helicopter exploded. The enemy attack took place about 11 miles north of Khe Sanh in Quay Tri

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### LMC Still Interested In Covert

#### Board Protests 3-Year Delay On Petition

Lake Michigan college trustees last night renewed a resolution of three years ago approving a request of Covert township residents to annex to the LMC district.

And they also heard Covert Township Supervisor Jerry Sarno report that as far as he can determine citizens there are still very much interested in being allowed to vote on an annexation proposal.

Sarno, LMC President James L. Lehman and the trustees all were critical of a three-year delay on the part of the State Board of Education in taking action on the Covert annexation petition submitted to it in March of 1966.

It was indicated one or more members of the LMC board may attend the next meeting of the State Board of Education in early April to push for early action on the Covert request. Sarno suggested he might also attend the state board session.

Last night's action came after President Lehman received a letter from Dr. John Porter, associate superintendent of the state education department asking if the college is still agreeable to the 1966 annexation petition.

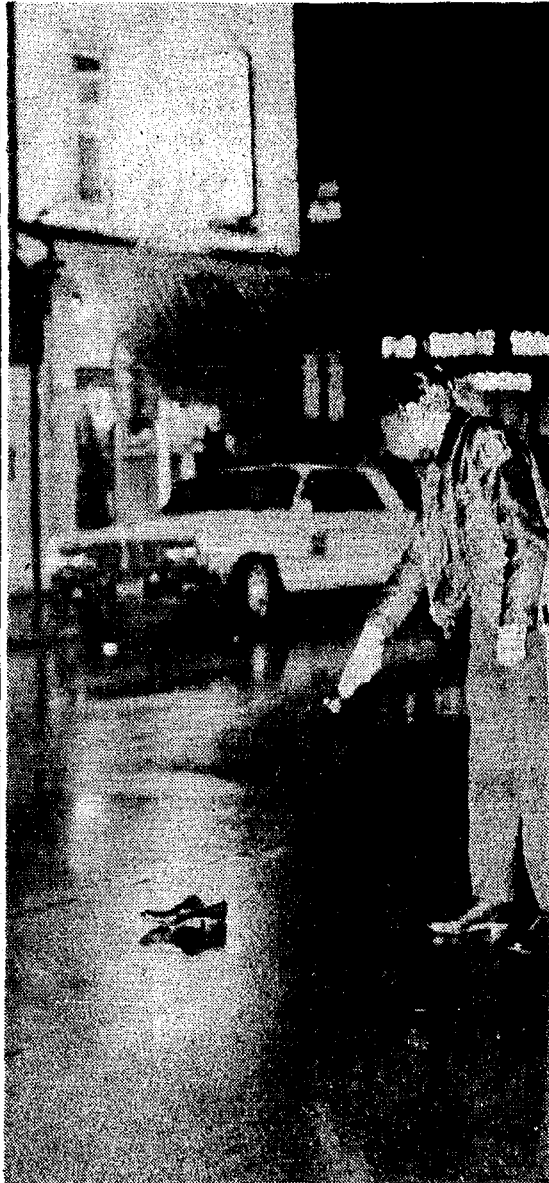
**'VERY INTERESTED'**

"The people of Covert township are very interested in having a junior college to send their children to," Sarno said. "Our people have been deprived of their right to vote, and I hope that they will be given this chance to vote on the annexation petition."

Dr. Lehman was a little more vehement on the matter. "It's high time the state education department passes a ruling on this matter and it's high time the people of Covert township had a chance to vote on it. The state education department must take the next step of approving the petition and setting up a vote."

Dean of Business Affairs Albert C. Johnson told the board that bids with specifications for classroom and office

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SCENE OF HIT AND RUN: Benton Harbor Patrolman Kenneth Welscher checks distance from shoe to where victim David White, 35, of 375 Brunson avenue, was struck by a hit and run car last night. Other items from his pocket were strewn about Pipestone street as White was also tossed by the impact of the hit and run car, Welscher said. White had just gotten out of the White car. He was in poor condition at Benton Harbor Mercy hospital today. Story on page 10. (Staff photo)

### I&M To Start Building Soon

#### \$300 Million Project Sets Record For Berrien

With final approval granted Monday by the Atomic Energy commission for Indiana & Michigan Electric company's nuclear power plant, construction will start soon on the largest single industrial development in Berrien county's history.

John Banyon, I & M's Benton Harbor district manager, said the utility will "move into the construction phase rapidly" on its \$300 million generating plant near Bridgman. In addition to the estimated \$300 million building cost, nearly another \$100 million will be put into the initial nuclear fuel charge for the plant and associated transmission lines.

**OKAYED BY AEC**

The Atomic Energy commission's licensing board authorized issuance of the permits for the plant yesterday, and the actual construction permits are to be issued within the next 10 days, according to James Lyman of the AEC's information division.

AEC approval followed a public hearing conducted Feb. 13 at Lakeshore high school.

According to Banyon, site development on the 650-acre tract fronting on Lake Michigan north of Bridgman is in its final stages. Construction of a railroad siding into the site from the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad is the last major item remaining in site development. It will involve an overpass across I-94 highway for the rail spur line.

General contractor the plant construction job has not been announced yet, Banyon stated.

**TWO REACTORS**

Westinghouse Electric Co. will furnish the two huge nuclear reactor units, which will serve as the heart of the new type of power generating plant. Each unit, with its associated turbine generators, will produce 1.1 million kilowatts of electricity.

The first unit is scheduled to go into operation late in 1972, according to Banyon, and the second in 1973. The 2.2 million kilowatt capacity of the plant will make it one of the largest electric power generators in the world.

Indiana & Michigan and its parent firm, American Electric Power, first confirmed in December of 1966 it planned to build a atom-fueled plant on the site. And in June of 1967 it reported it was doubling the originally-intended size of the plant to 2.2 million kilowatts, making it far and away the biggest single development project ever undertaken in Berrien county.

**GROWTH POTENTIAL**

I & M and AEP officials, (See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)

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### Seeks Tax On College Degrees

LANSING (AP) — State Rep. Richard Allen introduced a bill in the Legislature Monday which would assess all recent graduates of state-supported schools at least \$100 a year for 10 years.

Under Allen's proposal, a bachelor of arts or science would pay the minimum of \$100 per year. A person with a master's degree would pay \$30 extra. A PhD holder would pay another \$100 and an MD would be assessed \$300 a year for 10 years.

"A college degree is tangible enough to tax," Allen said. "A tax of \$1,000 per year on 100 acres of good farmland is not unusual, yet given a choice of that land or a PhD in physics in our society, the PhD is worth more and has received more from society."

Allen's bill would be retroactive to 1955. Persons who make less than \$8,500 in a year would not be obligated to pay for that year, but would have to make up the missed payment in a later year.

Asked if he thought his proposal would be approved, Allen said:

"Not right off the bat. It's kind of a trial balloon."

Allen, who holds a bachelor of arts degree and a veterinary medicine degree from Michigan State University, would pay \$200 a year under his bill.

### \$3,000 BEHIND

#### Fathers Of Children On ADC Must Pay

Two fathers, one of Benton Harbor and the other a former Niles resident, were ordered Monday by Berrien circuit judges to begin weekly payments on child support arrearages totaling almost \$3,000 for children on Aid to Dependent Children grants.

Judge Julian Hughes ordered Lewis Hooten, formerly of Niles and now of New Carlisle, Ind., to begin paying a \$2,704 arrearage at \$10 weekly. By a former order he also is to pay \$33 weekly for the support of two children on ADC, according to Berrien Friend of the Court John Schoenhals.

Judge Karl F. Zick ordered James Thomas of Benton Harbor to pay \$20 weekly—\$12 for child support, \$5 for maternity expenses and \$3 on an arrearage of \$239—toward one child on ADC.

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### Eisenhower's Survival Hanging In Balance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Army doctors reported today the condition of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, struggling to overcome the latest of recurrent heart troubles, remains "guarded."

"His physicians consider that the general's condition has not worsened since yesterday but that the eventual outlook remains guarded," said a morning medical bulletin from Walter Reed Army Hospital.

**SURVIVAL UNCERTAIN**

The term, "guarded," means in medical terminology the outlook as to whether a patient will survive or recover is uncertain. Doctors used the same terminology at the time of Eisenhower's most recent coronary heart attack last

August when they conceded the attack was a definite threat to his life.

The bulletin said: "General Eisenhower spent a restful night and is comfortable this morning. His breathing is less labored and the heart rate is within normal limits. His physicians consider that the

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W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

Urban Affairs Moving  
Back Into The Spotlight

Tomorrow a closed circuit TV system will bring to 26 major cities an outline of the Administration's thoughts on urban questions.

Vice President Agnew and a Harvard specialist on urban affairs, Daniel P. (Pat) Moynihan, will be the principal speakers. Moynihan is executive secretary of the Urban Affairs Council, President Nixon's equivalent of the National Security Council.

Erwin D. Canham, chief editor of The Christian Science Monitor, and Jenkin Lloyd Jones, publisher of The Tulsa Tribune, will conduct the interviews.

The discussion will feed out to invitational audiences in the 26 cities whose Chambers of Commerce are putting up \$5,000 each to defray the broadcast cost. The

parent body, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is paying the other \$70,000 of the \$200,000 bill.

The TV conference comes on the heels of an expectation that some sort of negotiated truce will put the Vietnamese war down to at least an armistice such as prevails in Korea, and that the billions being spent on the conflict will be siphoned in part to the war within the cities.

Urban affairs has many definitions, but the TV conference is addressing itself to the one most visible to the man in the street. It is the influx of the poor, mostly nonwhite, into the central city area, and the city's declining ability to support the former.

New York City is the worst example of this debilitation.

Its population has risen slightly, from 7.8 million in 1960 to 8 million at present, but something like 1 million are on relief.

Robert H. Finch, Secretary for Health, Education and Welfare, states a different reflection from the problem.

He notes that in 1960 welfare payments in the cities, from federal, state and local sources, were well under \$2 billion. By the end of 1968, with helped wanted advertisements at a peak, the cost had risen to nearly \$6 billion.

Inflation accounts for part of this rise and the migration from the Southern states to the larger northern communities adds to the explanation.

Although these two developments explain away much of the cost increase, the public is skeptical of them constituting the full cause.

The suspicion will not abate that something else makes it possible for an alarming proportion of the population to lean upon the dole as a way of life from one generation to the next.

President Johnson tacitly acknowledged this suspicion in his 1964 campaign which laid considerable stress on what soon became a current phrase, the anti-poverty war.

Somewhat backhandedly, his predecessor deferred to the same implication though he did not employ LBJ's dramatic rhetoric and his approach varied widely from that taken by Johnson.

Neither the Kennedy nor the Johnson Administrations came effectively to grips with the poverty question.

Nixon is moving slowly against it in the hope that caution may accomplish more than enthusiasm.

Underlying the public's skepticism is the disbelief that inflation and the welfare clientele's migratory propensity box in the unknown equation.

What the missing factors may be still eludes the researchers, but the government's position on welfare certainly must be one element which needs re-examining.

As a matter of mechanics, too many cooks are stirring the broth. One Congressman has counted 1,009 separate federal programs, many of them conflicting, targeted against poverty. Others, notably the Office of Economic Opportunity, have been underfunded for the job they were assigned.

Beyond this all thumbs mechanism is an administrative assumption on poverty which has not changed much, if at all, from the 1930s when Uncle Sam first entered the welfare scene.

Relief became a national calamity at that time due to mass unemployment stemming from an economic collapse.

The unemployment effect was so widespread it was natural to assume it to be virtually the sole cause of poverty.

Experience has demonstrated that lack of a job is only one phase, usually a temporary one, in poverty.

Nonetheless the thinking on welfare and its administration still proceed from the 1930 assumption.

The more knowledgeable case workers out in the field admit the assumption's weakness but just as the Pope finds it difficult to abandon or amend certain dogma, so does the top level bureaucracy see it impossible to discard entrenched premises.

Whether Nixon can turn this awkward posture around and face it toward realistic analysis may be gleaned from the Wednesday TV show.

Fares Up,  
Trains Down

Long haul passenger service? "We think it's dead. We just can't compete with the airlines," says Penn Central president Stuart T. Saunders. Two actions of the Interstate Commerce Commission and Penn Central go far toward proving him right.

First, the Commission allowed Penn Central to discontinue two more long-haul trains, both between New York and St. Louis. The ICC had little choice under present law, which obliged it to act on Penn Central's claim the two trains lost more than \$1.7 million last year.

The Commission followed this up by granting Penn Central a flat 10 percent increase in all long-haul passenger rates, thus stimulating the cycle of fewer passengers and fewer trains for them to ride.

ICC Chairman Tierney warned last July that unless Congress changed the law allowing railroads almost instant relief from money-losing trains, passenger service would soon disappear.

Tierney wants the ICC empowered to keep trains running until full surveys into costs, revenues and service provided can be made. With the passenger train death cycle accelerating, Tierney's plea becomes no less urgent.

Ships At Sea

Rebuffed last year by a pocket veto of President Johnson, the maritime industry and its congressional allies are reviving their push for an independent Maritime Administration with cabinet status.

In this way they hope to halt the erosion of the merchant fleet by assuring it front-rank status in government councils.

There is general agreement that maritime interests have not received the official attention they deserve from the Maritime Administration as an agency under the Commerce Department.

Suspect, too, was the Johnson plan of placing maritime under the Department of Transportation, preoccupied as that body is with mass transit, airports and highways.

That more than cabinet prestige is needed to rescue the merchant marine is indicated by figures showing that the tonnage capacity of U.S. owned ships under foreign flags now exceeds that of the domestic fleet.

More than government inertia, it is shipowner inability to face the wage demands, work rules and stoppages of the National Maritime Union that is hastening the nation's demise on the high seas.

Where's The Peak?



GLANCING BACKWARDS

CAST REHEARSES  
AT LAKESHORE

—1 Year Ago—  
The cast of "Meet Me In St. Louis," including Kurt Strange, Kathy Yoys, Cheryl Zick, Linda Janca, Dawn Dunham, Doreen Hauch, Dave McDorman and Mike Chaddock are busy rehearsing.

The play will be presented in the Lakeshore High school Little Theater. The setting of the play is St. Louis, Mo., at the time of the 1904 World's Fair.

JUNIOR CLASS  
PLANS PLAY

—10 Years Ago—  
"The Eyes of Tlaloc," a

mystery-comedy in three acts, will be presented by the junior class of the Three Oaks high school at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings, April 3 and 4, in the high school auditorium.

The cast includes Virginia Helenga, Mike Darnell, Ronald Decker, Jerry Krone, Steve Knight, Sharon McCleery, Son-dara Hubbard, Ruth Ann Holman, Jim Haughey, Mike McGuigan, Rose Mary Davis, and Ronald Seid.

BALKANS FIGHT  
NAZI INVADERS

—21 Years Ago—  
The expected arrival of a Rumanian delegation in Turkey on a mystery mission was

reported today in an Istanbul dispatch as other advices indicated Hitler was meeting widespread opposition in his military occupation of Balkan states. The Finnish radio announced today that the Rumanian legation in Helsinki had confirmed the report that German troops have occupied Rumania.

The broadcast said the legation has not heard further details. An Associated Press dispatch yesterday from Ankara said the Rumanian embassy there had confirmed the German occupation.

PLAN FIESTA

—35 Years Ago—  
Plans continue to go forward for the celebration this summer of St. Joseph's Centennial. A fiesta is assured to celebrate the 100th birthday anniversary of the city with fitting pageantry.

MOVING HERE

—45 Years Ago—  
Carl Fritz and family of Keeler are moving this week to the home they bought not long ago at 919 Harrison avenue.

SIGNS OF SPRING

—55 Years Ago—  
Plant digging has begun at Baldwin's plant farm at Bridgman; two carloads of brick have arrived for the new school house near Derby; and the summer colony on the Lake Shore drive is gradually taking on new life and homes which have been closed during the winter are being opened.

BETTER GET BUSY

—75 Years Ago—  
There are several tons of mud on the highway bridge that could be removed at slight expense, lessening the strain on the structure.

WILLIAM RITT

You're  
Telling Me!

People given to talking at great length have a better chance to become leaders, a study conducted by a Tennessee psychologist indicates. In other words — if you have a good, strong set of tonsils you've got it half-made?

Our guess is that the reason marathon gabbers become leaders is because they can drown the opposition in a sea of words.

Seen from space the Earth is far more beautiful than the Moon, say astronauts. Unfortunately there are no Moonmen to write songs about us.

The good folks of Boston, Mass., ask an O.K. of plans to stage an international exposition there in 1976 to celebrate Uncle Sam's 200th anniversary. Well, that sure calls for a party!

At this time of year bees tend to become restless, because they feel the need of warmer weather — nature item. Who doesn't?

New Guinea natives consider the python very fine eating — Factographs. Especially since there's enough to go around?

Mexico City, situated in what was once a lake bed, is no longer sinking but has begun to rise, according to geologists of Mexico's National University. How's that for a truly bouncing town?

A snake's fang is an eye tooth —nature item. Strictly an evil eye, no doubt!

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1937 the Washington, D.C., Daily News became the first newspaper with a perfumed advertising page.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

IGNOBLE — (ig-NO-bul) — adjective; of low character, aims; of low grade or quality; inferior.

DID YOU KNOW...

The brain of the average person weighs approximately three pounds.

YOUR FUTURE

A more propitious year than its predecessor is forecast. Today's child will be highly intellectual and a profound thinker.

IT'S BEEN SAID

Fortune cannot take away what she did not give.—Seneca.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. Maine.  
2. With the ancient Briton.  
3. Vegetable.  
4. Animal.  
5. No. It is toothless.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

MINDY MICHELLE

Well she's a dandy  
Full of life and vim,  
Ready for anything that comes  
She meets it all with a grin.

A bundle of joy,  
A package of fun,  
An adorable baby,  
With love for each one.

She's one of the finest,  
What more can we tell?  
Except, you should know her,  
Our Mindy Michelle.

Edna Prince,  
Gallen

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking  
Of Your Health

There is a tendency for some people to believe they were born with weak lungs and that there may have been a hereditary tendency to lung infections. Actually, this is not so unless there happens to be some birth abnormality of the lungs or of the other organs within the chest.

Tuberculosis was once considered a family disease and thought to be acquired by some hereditary tendency. There is no special weakness of the lungs that makes one person a better candidate for Dr. Coleman this disease than another. This misconception may have arisen because people in a family, living in close quarters, may have acquired tuberculosis from an infected member by direct contact.

The lungs are truly remarkable organs and are composed of a spongy tissue which surrounds the bronchial tubes through which air passes. A fine network of blood vessels completely surrounds the tissue and makes the lungs handy organs. They really must be to function despite the irritations of polluted air, gas fumes, factory exhausts and the pack-a-day tobacco inhalations.

It is undeniable that the general condition of the lungs is better in people who live in the country rather than in the city. The impurities of the air are less marked, except, of course, in those areas where farmers are exposed to large quantities of inhaled pesticides and insecticides. Regular yearly X-rays of the chest are an excellent investment in safety.

It is always pleasant to anticipate springtime, especially after winter's snowfalls. There is some comfort in knowing that beneath the white, icy blanket the corcuses push

their way up and that the forsythia is getting ready to burst into bud. The pleasure of these thoughts is somewhat spoiled by the spring comes the early pollens and the June grasses and the sneezing and the running of the eyes and the stuffiness of the nose. For them, allergy time is on its way.

Hay fever and rose fever need not be due to an allergy or sensitivity to hay or roses. In fact, there is no fever either. The spring and the summer types of allergy are almost always due to the grasses and the trees and some of the flowers that begin to blossom. The spores of molds are similar to those which grow on moldy bread and are classed as fungus. People who are sensitive to any of these substances are subject to the paroxysm of repeated sneezing, itching of the skin, hives and watery, itchy eyes.

Those who are known to be sensitive to any of the spring grasses should, at this time, have preliminary injections that will reduce and occasionally, entirely eliminate these non-serious but unpleasant symptoms.

Patients are sometimes confused by instructions about applications of heat or cold to various parts of the body. Extremes of heat usually accomplish the same purpose and even though the doctor's advice is different from that of the greengrocer, it should be followed.

**SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH:** Smoke detectors are a good investment in the home, the office and the factory.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♦ Q103	♠ A K 8 6 4	♠ A 6	♥ Q 10 7 5
♣ K Q 7 5 2		♦ 10	♣ Q 9 8 6 3 2
WEST		SOUTH	
♦ 7 4	♠ J 2	♦ K J 9 8 5 2	♠ 9 3
♣ J 9 8 6 3	♠ A 10 7 5	♣ A 4	♣ K J 4

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

Opening lead —seven of spades.

Assume you're declarer at six spades and West leads a trump. East wins with the ace and returns a trump, West following suit. How would you play the hand?

There seems to be nothing much to the play, yet the hand is worthy of serious thought. To begin with, if you can make the slam but wind up going down one, you finish minus 100 instead of plus 1,330. That's a difference of 1,730 points, and that ain't hay in any language.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

A diplomatic young man sought valiantly to console his tearful bride. "Darling," he implored, "believe me. I never said you were a terrible cook. I merely pointed out that our garbage disposal has developed an ulcer."

Theatrical folk, relates Helen Hayes, appreciate the story of the lad who was such a mathematical wizard that at the age of twelve he could do calculations in his head that had caused Albert Einstein trouble when he was forty. Unfortunately, this prodigy was so involved in equations that he had no time for anything else. In an attempt to divert him, his parents took him to an all-star revival of "Peter Pan" — and were delighted to note that he was utterly engrossed throughout the first act.

At the intermission, his father said cheerfully, "Well, son, I see you're enjoying the play."

"Do you know," answered the son, "there were 71,832 words in that act!"

**OVERHEARD:**  
Husband calling to his wife to the phone: "Darling, somebody wants to listen to you."

Secretary to her boss: "I've taken all the criticism of my



work from you I can stand.  
How do you spell "Quit"?

Factographs

The late Bud Powell, U.S. jazz pianist, was a pioneer in developing "bebop."

Shanghai, Red China, is a great metropolis with a population over 10 million.

Pall-Mau was an English game resembling croquet which was played in the 17th century.

Maryland was named in honor of Henrietta Maria, queen of Charles I of England.

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## AIRPORT LAND DISPUTE IS FINALLY SETTLED

### Too Many People Asking Questions

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### Aid Agencies Multiply

By TOM BRUNNETT  
Staff Writer

A growing number of government programs involving personal contact with low income families has touched off concern among some program officials.

"I'm fearful," said David Braman, "that with the new programs the visitations are going to be chaos." Braman is the assistant director of the Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties Community Action Program (Tri-CAP) commission.

The official said he had sent a letter to other agencies involved in direct contact to see if some system of coordination could be worked out.

"All of them (program visitors) are trying to solicit information from people essentially in the same high population area in Benton Harbor and Benton Township," said Braman. "After about the second visit by one or the other, the family might decline to answer any more questions."

**PROPOSAL RENEWED**

Braman said William Mitchell, of the Twin Cities Community Fund agency,

has renewed a proposal that outpost centers be created to collect the information and feed it back to the agencies.

Braman said so far agencies with aides going out to visit families individually include Tri-CAP, the agricultural extension service, community educators, social services case-workers, and public health



DAVID BRAMAN  
Asst. Director, Tri-CAP

nurses.

In addition, he said the Model Cities program is planning on fielding 10 to 12 persons to visit the families and the Work Incentive program (WIN) of the Michigan Employment Securities commission, has a team of six ready to go.

Braman said also that the families soon will be answering the 1970 census

"I would just like to establish order in the visitation," Braman said. "The information would be kept confidential even though circulated or made available to other specific agencies."

Information which could be exchanged included basic family data, income, needs, and possible courses of action being planned by agencies.

Braman said that he and Benjamin Davis, administrator of the Model Cities program, have already conferred about interchanging information. "We're going into data processing with our information," Braman said, "and it would be available through this system."

### 30.5 Acres Selling For \$85,000

After 10 Years Of Negotiation Price Dips \$40,000

After more than 10 years of negotiation, The Twin Cities airport board has finally reached agreement to purchase 30.5 acres near Ross field for clear zone purposes at a price of \$85,000.

Purchase of the land by the airport board was authorized last night by the Benton Harbor city commission. The St. Joe commission will act later.

Benton Harbor Commissioner F. Joseph Flaugh called it a good deal, with the price about \$40,000 less than when negotiations first started.

The land — owned by William Michael and Jennie Metalski — is located east of the airport and immediately north of the Benton Harbor fruit market. The agreement gives the residents three more years of occupancy.

#### OBSTRUCTIONS WILL GO

Benton Harbor City Manager said the property will complete land acquisition requirements for various airport projects now underway. Various obstructions on the property will be removed to increase the glide path to the airport.

A condemnation suit was filed against the Metalskis, but settlement was reached before trial with their cooperation, Stewart said. The city commissions are required to pass on land sales to the airport board which operates Ross field for the municipalities.

In other action, the Benton Harbor commission:

- Delayed action on transfer of a tavern, license to 430 Rifford street pending a check of petitions which arrived yesterday from the State Liquor Control commission. Mrs. Sara Cook who seeks the transfer said the petitions contain 102 signatures and support her request which drew opposing from residents.

- Confirmed Warren Mitchell as chairman of the Model Cities Steering Council. Mrs. Esther V. Kizer as first vice chairman and Rev. Silas Legg as second vice chairman.
- Approved purchase for \$17,000 by urban renewal of proper-



SEWING TWINS: Denise (left) and Lenise Walker, three-year old twins, model Easter dresses their mother Mrs. Ida Walker, of 817 Waukonda, Benton Harbor, made for them during six weeks of sewing classes at the Tri-Cap Outreach and Community Referral center at 722 East Washington street. The center will have an open house Wednesday between noon and 8 p. m. to give those in the class an opportunity to show clothes they had made for themselves and their children. (Staff photo by Ray Smietanka)

### First Phase Of Renewal On Schedule

Benton Harbor Development Unique In State

The first phase of Benton Harbor's Urban Renewal program is on schedule for land acquisition and resale possibilities for the property are at an 85 per cent mark at this time, Leslie R. Cripps, UR director, informed the Twin City Rotary club Monday.

Totally, the ambitious plan to rebuild half or more of Benton Harbor, is off to a good start, he added.

Benton Harbor's redevelopment, which Cripps described as the first of its kind in Michigan to be launched only after a detailed analysis of the city's needs had been drawn, is in two stages.

The beginning one consists of the two projects now under way to upgrade the city's central business district.

This carries an \$84 million price tag on a sizeable acreage from Riverview drive east to Colfax avenue, between Wall street on the north and Britain avenue to the south.

Cripps said the net cost to the federal government and the city will run about \$7 million once the resale prices to private owners or redevelopers has been collected.

#### CITY'S SHARE

Theoretically the city stands one-quarter of the net expense. This is not a cash drain because HUD (the Department of Housing and Urban Development) which administers UR allows a participating city liberal "credits" for street work, drains and other municipal installations which the local community has to provide routinely from time to time.

No precise estimate for Benton Harbor's actual cash outlay has been taken to date.

Cripps told his audience that land acquisition of some 15 holdout parcels within the first two projects should be completed by midsummer, to be followed shortly by \$1 million in new roadwork within the acquisition area. The latter will be taken up mostly by extending a new Market street eastward from Riverview drive as a sort of crosstown hook-up to recent paving near the city hall.

Six parking lots within the Riverview-Market street-Main street oval will be added later, as funds become available, Cripps stated, to strengthen the central business district's competitive position for shoppers.

**200 FAMILIES MOVED**  
The city, Cripps noted, has re-located about 200 families out of UR's first phase into better housing elsewhere.

The speaker described the second UR phase as a re-working of the entire city north from Britain avenue, plus a few sectors north of that thoroughfare.

Recent amendments to the UR laws, he continued, may simplify this projected 20-year program.

Instead of having to work over a certain area in its entirety such as was necessary in "the flats," a community can proceed on "spot rehabilitation," or individual bad spots wherever situated.

The time tables, he indicated, are more flexible in that regard than the current downtown projects which the city had to set at five years for completion.

Warren Colby introduced the speaker.

### Technical Writers To Meet

Whirlpool Corporation's administration center auditorium North Shore drive north of Benton Harbor will be the site Wednesday evening of a meeting of the St. Joseph valley chapter of the Society of Technical Writers and Publishers at 8 p. m.

The speaker will be Bob Isely, president of Pilot Productions, a Chicago industrial film-making firm that has prepared industrial and training films for Whirlpool, Clark Equipment Co., Superior Steel Corp., Proctor & Gamble and others.

The local technical writers' society is joining the Chicago and Rock Valley chapters in sponsoring a day-long seminar April 11 at Circle campus, Chicago, on "Information Technology — the Tool of Commun-

### Small Will Head Lakeshore C Of C Industrial Park Feasibility Study Is Ordered

James Small, former president of the village of Stevensville, last night was elected president of the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce by its board of directors.

Members of the chamber ordered a feasibility study on an industrial park and heard reports from Lincoln Township Supervisor Harry Gast, Jr., Otto Grau of Stevensville, a member of the county board of supervisors, and Small.

Small's election as president of the chamber was prompted by members' interest in having him remain as chairman of the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewage Treatment authority, which is negotiating for

water and sewer service for suburban units.

Small was described as one of the most knowledgeable members of the authority, especially in the areas of technical details.

Small succeeds Edward J. Founie. Other officers are: first vice president, Bud Kerley; second vice president, Arnold Nimtz; treasurer, Bernie Sackett; legislative chairman, William Sorrell; planning coordinator, Founie; executive manager, Tom McGrath and



JAMES SMALL

director, Bob Luth.

The board will be increased to ten members, Founie said, with appointment of two directors at the next meeting. He said the increased activities of the chamber required more manpower on the board.

McGrath said an engineering firm will be contacted to write a feasibility report on the development of an industrial park by the chamber. With water services coming and the possibility of sewer services too, the Chamber should have industrial land available together with information on transportation, labor, raw materials and other factors of interest to industrialists.

Gast said he and Small had attended upwards of 150 meetings the past few years on water service. He said the big problem now is to get residents to hook onto the water system.

Grau, who succeeded Gast on the new Berrien county board of supervisors, warned Chamber members that federal and state subsidies usually cost local government more than if they did the job themselves. Grau said the board is under heavy pressure to "take its share" of these funds but in the end the requirements are so high the local cost is unusually high.

### Memory Of Virgil Lewis Is Honored

The Benton Harbor city commission last night passed a resolution of sympathy on the death of G. Virgil Lewis who was instrumental in staging Miss Blossomtime pageants and local queen contests in southwestern Michigan. Mayor Wilbert Smith said the work of Mr. Lewis and his wife was a major contribution to success of Blossomtime. Mr. Lewis of Paw Paw lake died Saturday at the age of 69.

ty on Michigan street owned by Charles and Lillian Forburger. Stewart said it completes urban renewal acquisition on Michigan street.

• Heard Mayor Wilbert Smith say he intends to issue a cleanup proclamation next week and seek cooperation of neighborhood improvement clubs. He praised the formation of a block improvement club in the fourth ward and also advised that ordinances regulating abandoned cars and alleys will be enforced.

• Was informed by Commissioner Edward Merrill that Tom DeRosa of DeRosa Real Estate agency had contributed \$25 for beautification of downtown where buildings have been demolished.

• Was told by Guy Huddleston, holder of a dance license for a youth club on Sixth street, that 500 persons attended the opening last weekend without incident.

• Referred to committee a request by Alpha Phi Omega fraternity of Lake Michigan college to paint house numbers on curbs with the service charge going to the Kennedy Memorial Park fund.

• Approved a poppy Sale for May 23-24 by the FFW and American Legion.

• Set salary of election chairman at \$22.50 and poll workers \$20 for the April 7 municipal election.

### St Joe Rehires Labor Attorney

#### Public Works Employees Seek To Form Union

Attorney Thomas L. Combs, Kalamazoo, was rehired last night by the St. Joseph city commission as the city's labor relation counsel.

The move came in the wake of the scheduling of an April 17 election among city public works department employees on formation of a union.

City manager Leland Hill said the State Labor relations board set the vote after receiving petitions from the workers expressing interest in an election. The 75 employees would be voting on whether to join the Teamsters union, Hill said.

The workers are employed in the city's sanitation, street, parks, forestry, water and cemetery sections of the public works department.

The employees have petitioned the city commission for a pay raise to offset a raise granted city firemen in December. The December raise came after firemen threatened to withdraw their services.

Combs represented the city during bargaining talks with the firemen and because of a last ditch move by the commission to settle the dispute, had said he would not again represent the city. But city officials said he agreed to accept the new assignment when contacted.

City Atty. Arthur G. Preston said Combs was needed by the city because of the special nature of labor relations.

The independent Teamsters union, number Seven, involved in the April 17 election, currently represents the Berrien county road commission employees.

In other action, the commission received a complaint from Sherman Ford, operator of the

#### CHURCH MEETING

BUCHANAN —First United Methodist church members here will elect church and Sunday school officers during their annual congregational meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, the Rev. C. Robert Carson, pastor, announced.



JUDGE HUGHES

### Judge Will Address 'Y' Meeting

Berrien Circuit Judge Julian Hughes will address the annual meeting of the Community Branch YMCA Wednesday in the Central YMCA, Benton Harbor, at 6:30 p. m. The Community Branch YMCA formerly was known as the Benton Township Branch.

Judge Hughes has long been a backer of the Twin City 'Y.' He became Berrien county's third circuit judge Jan. 1. He is a former probate judge.

Chairman Bill Smith announced special recognition will go to branch leaders and members will be cited for outstanding accomplishments, including the basketball team which took third place in the YMCA tournament. Officers will be elected for 1969-70.

#### BEE PERMITS REQUIRED

LANSING (AP) — Michigan beekeepers have been advised by the State Agriculture Department they must apply for pollination permits by April 1. A permit must be obtained prior to transporting bees or used beekeeping equipment to provide pollination service to fruit and vegetable growers.

### Time Spent Reading News Is Well Spent

Time taken to read the news is time well spent. Your daily newspaper presents a big list of topics of significance to you — from what's going on in the next block to the crucial decisions being made in the capitals of nations all over the world.

To find out how much of the news you are absorbing, take the weekly News Quiz that appears today on page 5. It's an entertaining way of testing yourself on major events.

The News Quiz is part of the visual education program of this newspaper that also includes distribution of news film strips to area schools. It is presented with the cooperation of Brown's Pharmacy of Benton Heights and Twin City Embroidery of Benton Harbor.

### Developer Drops Plans For SJ Office Building

Ronald Bublik, president of Crown Development Co., informed the St. Joseph city commission last night that he is withdrawing an offer to buy urban renewal property behind the post office as a site for an office building.

Bublik said the withdrawal resulted from a delay on a decision. Two other proposals involving parking lots have been made for the property located on Ship street at Court street.

The commission tabled the matter for two weeks for further study.

The lot also is sought by the Sassano Land Development Corp., for creation of a 30-car parking lot to lease to the Red Rooster firm which is buying Holly's restaurant a block away.

Attorney Harold Neill, South Haven, representing the Mid-west Turnkey builders, said the

proposed \$1 million office building planned for the block across the street by his client would be dead if the lot was not kept for parking.

City commissioner Franklin Smith said, in favoring the delay, the commission is required to do the best it can with the site.

Bublik had proposed a 60 by 66-foot bi-level office building on the 66 by 132-foot lot.

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## NEW BUFFALO ELECTION UPHELD IN RECOUNT

**NEW BUFFALO** — In a recount of the New Buffalo city election returns by the Berrien County Board of Election Canvassers, the results matched the original figures exactly, according to Berrien County Clerk Forrest Kesterke.

The recount had been requested by Edgar Baney, who was defeated for city councilman in the March 10 election.

There were four candidates for two positions and Baney placed third with 236 votes behind Irvin G. Jensen with 289 votes and Albert Mayer with 272 votes.

Baney in his petition to the board of canvassers charged irregularities and fraud in the election.

**IDENTICAL COUNT**  
Kesterke, who is chairman of the board, said the recount was identical to the canvass of the election and that the charges were not substantiated. He said Baney was not present at the recount last Friday. Kesterke

said the election workers, five women, had conducted a "mechanically perfect election."

One New Buffalo councilman, Joseph Debiak, was present at the recount, but did offer to substantiate charges, Kesterke said.

## SHARE RICHES?--FORGET IT, SAYS BRIDGMAN

### Atom Plant Bonanza Just Ahead

#### Education Board Opposes State-Wide School Tax Idea

**BRIDGMAN** — The Bridgman board of education last night went on record as "strongly opposing any change in the present tax structure as the alternatives to the present tax structure have not been fully explored."

Bridgman is a soon-to-be-rich school district. Its tax base will be increased several times over when the \$30 million Donald C. Cook nuclear power station is completed by Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. in 1973. A special licensing board of the U.S. Atomic Energy commission yesterday authorized issuance of permits for construction of the twin-generator plant.

William Lagoni, Bridgman lawyer and newly-appointed member of the Bridgman school board, made the motion to hold off on any move toward a state-wide school tax structure.

**BUCHANAN CAMPAIGN**  
The motion was in reaction to the Buchanan board of education's attempt to unite school boards to pressure legislators to support the Buchanan board's concept of financing schools and withdraw support of legislators who do not go along with the resolution.

The Buchanan petition said in part "We are of the definite opinion that state-wide taxes not only give a better, more flexible and reliable base than local property taxes and would spread the burden more equitably, but are the only practical means of keeping our public schools properly operated."

In discussing the Buchanan board's campaign, Lagoni said the alternatives to the property tax have not been fully explored and until this is done he could not see supporting this type of petition. He said the Bridgman board should support the present property tax structure until a more equitable means of supporting education is found.

Walter Williams, board treasurer, suggested a formal resolution be drawn up stating why the Bridgman board could not support the Buchanan-sponsored petition. One of the reasons he gave was that not enough is known of alternatives to the present tax structure.

The Bridgman board did not adopt a formal resolution but agreed to send an answer outlining its position to the Buchanan board.

Another request was received from the Saugatuck public schools requesting that the Bridgman board unite with them in objecting to the present state re-organizational plans for school districts. This request was taken under advisement.

**\$497,975 BUDGET**  
The board tentatively adopted a proposed budget of \$497,975 for the 1969-70 school year for presentation to the Berrien County Tax Allocation board, which will establish the allocated operating millage. The tentative budget represents an increase of \$38,110 over the budget for the current school year.

### APRIL 28 PAGEANT

### 'Miss Blossomtime' Tickets Go On Sale

Tickets will go on sale today for the final Miss Blossomtime contest April 28 in Benton Harbor high school gymnasium according to Leo T. Issac, Blossomtime manager.

Tickets can be purchased at Blossomtime headquarters in the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce office, 777 River-view drive, Building B, Benton Harbor. Tickets also are on sale at Jeanette's Styling Salon, 1503 Niles avenue, St. Joseph.

Tickets are \$3 for reserved tickets and \$2.50 and \$2 for general admission. Other communities participating in the Miss Blossomtime contest may purchase their tickets through their local area contest chairman.

Gerard Keidel reported 84.7 per cent of the elementary students and 35 per cent of the high school students were represented at a parent-teacher conference.

In other business, the board voted to engage Chalmers Ackerman as the school attorney, and:

- Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Judy Thomson, fifth grade teacher, effective at the end of the school year.

- Accepted the low bid from Lettow Chevrolet, Bridgman, for a bus chassis subject to adjustment cost for a larger motor.

- Accepted a bid from the McFadden Co., Lansing, for a bus body for \$4,390.

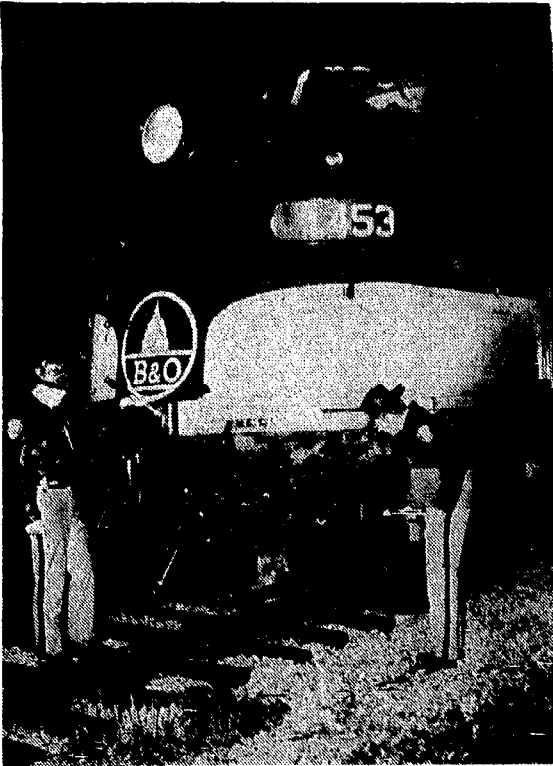
- Authorized the superintendent to arrange for the sale of a 1962 bus.

- Approved payment of bills totaling \$5,188.65.

- Reviewed architectural surveys and set April 23 as the date to meet with Davenport & Associates, architects of Grand Rapids.



**TRAIN COLLISION INJURES TWO:** Berrien county sheriff Deputies Jack Page (left) and Thomas Yops check auto that had the front end hewed off by a train as the car started to cross railroad tracks on Eaman road, near Zoschke road in Hagar township last night. John Stewart, 19, of 1027 Broadway, Benton Harbor, believed to be the driver, and Garry W. Carrell, 19, of 2237 Butler drive, Benton Heights, were both listed in poor condition at the Benton Harbor Mercy hospital intensive care unit this morning. Stewart received a scalp laceration and swollen foot and Carrell received a cerebral concussion.



**CRASH DAMAGES ENGINE:** Berrien county sheriff Deputies Thomas Yops (left) and Jack Page check damage to train that collided with a car and injured its two occupants last night. There are no flashing signals or gates where Eaman road crosses the two C&O railroad tracks, but B&O Engineer Victor Canfield, Grand Rapids, told deputies he started blowing the train whistle approximately 600 yards before the intersection. He continued blowing the whistle until the collision, he said. The impact threw the detached front end of the car 120 feet from the main body, and the car engine another 48 feet. (Staff photos)

### Hospital Tax Vote Supported

#### Bangor Approves South Haven Plan

**BANGOR** — Members of the Bangor city council last night voted to support the South Haven Community hospital authority in a proposed election next summer to raise additional funds for hospital improvements.

The council authorized Richard R. Soga, Bangor's representative to the authority, to vote in the affirmative for the authority to proceed with plans to hold a special election.

**SEEKING \$200,000**  
The proposed election was discussed by the hospital authority and representatives of the eight governmental units who compose the authority earlier this month. At that time, a proposal of one mill for three years to raise the needed \$200,000 was discussed. If approved by voters, the one mill would bring in about \$75,000 per year in additional revenue.

In other business, the council instructed City Attorney Donald McKay to draw up a letter to be sent to the Michigan Commerce Commission objecting to the possible closing of the Main street, Union street, Cass street and Douglas street crossings of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad tracks. If these crossings were closed, only four crossings would be left open in the city, councilmen said.

Councilmen said they had been informed by the state commerce commission of the possible closings after a survey was taken on the number of vehicles crossing the tracks in various places.

#### SIGNALS ORDERED

The survey was taken after the State Public Safety commission ordered the railroad and the city to erect safety signals at the Charles street crossing following a hearing into the death last January of a Bangor couple at the crossing.

The city had been given until mid-April to install the signals, which would cost about \$60,000, but no action has yet been taken on the matter by the city.

The council set the salaries of election workers for the April 7 election at \$25 per day.

**ASKS FUNDS FOR MACE**  
**DETROIT (AP)** — Wayne County Sheriff Roman Gribbs appeared before the county board of supervisors today requesting money to buy chemical mace for his department. Gribbs termed the spray "a useful tool more humane than the gun or club."

### Lakeshore To Decide On Proposal

#### Buchanan Calls For State-Wide School Financing

Efforts by three southern Berrien county school districts to establish a state-wide tax to support secondary education are being felt in the Lakeshore district.

Members of the Lakeshore board of education said last night that, petitions, backed by school boards in Niles, Buchanan and Brandywine, are being circulated in the Lakeshore district. Board members said these districts have urged Lakeshore school officials to join the movement.

The Lakeshore board did not act on the matter, but indicated that a decision might be reached at the next meeting.

#### MORE RELIABLE FINANCING

The petitions call for a state-wide tax for education to spread the cost of education burden more evenly. Supporters contend that this would be a more reliable tax base than now exists in the property tax.

The Benton Harbor board of education has sought studies to be made in regards to a financial solution, but did not move to pressure legislators.

Lakeshore board members said the petitions call for



**TOTAL LOSS:** Fire of undetermined origin leveled this barn off John Beers road, near Cleveland avenue Monday evening. A dog died in fire, which also destroyed an auto parked nearby and damaged home of James Higgins 30 feet away, according to Tri-Unit firemen from Stevensville village, Lincoln and Royalton townships. Fireman George Fusko was treated at scene for burns about face and hands. Barn, formerly part of a farm, but now surrounded by homes, contained no equipment or livestock, firemen said. Firemen said several homes could have been burned, if wind direction had changed during intense blaze. Barn was reported owned by Mrs. Cleona Goodrow, Benton Harbor. (Betty Goetz photo)

demands on area legislators and pledge support for any legislation, regardless of his political party, if they strive for a state-wide tax to support schools.

The board in other matters, approved the formation of a steering committee to discuss and report back reasons for a change in the dress code for high school students. Ray Burt-

loff of the student council told the board a student poll showed 260 opposed and 80 in support of a code change to permit jeans and culottes.

The steering committee will include representatives of the school board, student council, administration, and the Parent-Teacher Student association, as well as other citizen representa-

tives. The first meeting date was not set.

Gerald Howard, board secretary, was appointed to attend the April 2 meeting of the Lincoln township planning commission which is considering rezoning a two-acre portion of the high school property at Cleveland avenue and John Beers road from commercial to residential. A public hearing is expected to be scheduled at the April 2 session for a later date. The planning commission is considering the change as part of a master zoning program.

#### APPRAISED VALUE

The board last night approved an appraisal which listed the value of the district at \$6,465,096 for insurance purposes. The appraisal, taken by Marshall and Stevens of Chicago, does not include valuation of land, inventory items or bond issues. It does include buildings, furniture, fixed equipment and grounds improvements, based on today's prices. The appraisal figure is to be used by the Ott Agency at Baroda, which was recently awarded the insurance contract with the district.

The board also considered but did not act on plans to issue the equivalent of a high school diploma to persons passing a general education development test. Approved were new textbooks, subject to budget changes; a program aimed at total development of the special education program from the elementary level through high school.

### So. Haven Engineer Quits Post

**SOUTH HAVEN** — City Engineer Allan W. Johnson has resigned his job here, effective immediately, it was announced today by City Manager Al Pierce.

Johnson did not reveal his reason for leaving the job in his brief letter of resignation, but Pierce said Johnson did not meet the requirements of the job, which was establishing permanent residence at South Haven. He said the engineer has been commuting back and forth on weekends from Reed City, where his family still lives, since coming here last August. Johnson, who was former city engineer at Big Rapids, succeeded Norman Polo as South Haven city engineer. Polo resigned early in 1967 and the post remained unfilled for over a year before Johnson was hired.

Pierce said he hoped to have the job filled again soon. He said he has some applications on file and that he will begin looking for a civil engineer immediately.

## Chief Says Buchanan Police Are Underpaid

**BUCHANAN** — Buchanan Chief of Police David H. Shibinski told the city commission last night that he has been unable to keep the city police force up to strength because of low salaries. The force is presently two men short.

He said the officers are working overtime because he can not put a single patrolman on the streets at night. He said he has advertised for men to fill the vacancies, but only five applications were received and none of the applicants accepted because of the pay scale.

The police chief said the starting salary for a patrolman is now \$465 per month or \$5,580 per year. The top pay for a patrolman is \$515 per month or \$6,180 per year, he said.

Shibinski pointed out the need for two men on the streets at night by relating a recent court incident in which a drunken driving case was dismissed due to the need for more than one witness.

The police chief added the

morale of the men is low because they are overworked and underpaid. The department's full strength is 12 men.

Shibinski also recommended another attorney be named to handle warrants after arrests are made and to handle other matters in which an attorney is needed. City Attorney B.R. Desenberg now handles police legal affairs.

Mayor Kenneth Witt told Shibinski that he realizes the police chief has problems and that these will be given consideration by the commission. No other action was taken on the matter.

In other business, the commission purchased a new fire truck at a complete cost of \$24,888.40 to replace the truck purchased in 1951.

The bid of \$7,544 for the chassis plus \$1,030 for an automatic transmission submitted by Robert F. Habicht, Inc., Buchanan, was accepted although it was \$119 higher than the low bid. Commissioners said

they accepted the Habicht bid because local maintenance and service was considered a factor.

The commission also accepted the only bid of \$15,649 on equipment for the fire truck plus \$665.40 for extras submitted by the John Bean Equipment company of Tipton, Ind. Commissioners said equipment on the truck purchased in 1964 provided by the Bean company has proved satisfactory, when they accepted the only bid.

City fathers authorized City Treasurer Raymond Suabedissen to invest \$11,500 of water bond and interest redemption fund monies and \$1,000 in special assessment money for 90 days for not less than 5.19 per cent interest.

#### VALUATIONS INCREASE

City assessor Rudolph G. Rodighiero reported the 1969 assessed valuations as determined by the board of review increased \$1,814,890 over 1968 for a total assessed value of \$27,100,440 for both real and personal properties. The personal property gain was \$1,184,290 while the real estate gain was \$630,600 over 1968.

The commission voted to join the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce with one membership to be held by City Manager Robert Faulhaber.

Boy Scout troop 48 was given permission to sell stationery on Wednesday, to hold car washes at the city parking lot on April 26 and May 24 and to hold a paper drive on May 10 to raise money for summer camping trips. Boy Scouts of troop 41 were given permission to conduct a civic project by cleaning up McCoy's Creek in the Centennial park area when weather permits. The public works department will cooperate by removing the debris gathered by the scouts.

The city fire department was given permission to hold a water ball tournament on Days avenue on June 7 after the commission was advised the liability insurance coverage under the city policy provides for such events.

Bills totaling \$3,806.08 were approved for payment.

### THURSDAY

## Buchanan Will Send 154 Women To Show

**BUCHANAN**—Reservations have been made by 154 Buchanan widows and other women who are alone in the community to attend the third annual trip to the Chicago World Flower and Garden show on Thursday according to the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the event.

The day-long trip will begin at 9 a. m. when the women will meet at the Chamber of Commerce building on Days avenue to board four chartered buses. The group will stop enroute to Chicago at Robertsville, Ind., where they will have a complimentary luncheon at Bogel's restaurant. The flower show is being held at the Amphitheatre. The group will return to Buchanan at about 6:30 p. m.

This year the sponsor is being assisted by the Buchanan Business and Professional Women's club in making arrangements and several club members will accompany the group.

The entire cost of the trip as in previous years is provided by private contributions from anonymous donors.



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